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To: Department of Justice
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Subject: Message From a Concerned Citizen

Dear Department of Justice:

Dear Sir;

I believe you are making a serious error in judgement in going after Microsoft in this manner. I believe their competition is trying to break Microsoft. Giving codes and strip down versions of windows and other programs will weaken the abilities of Microsoft to create new programming, and this will hurt the consumer. Microsoft developed windows and should be able to keep the codes that they created. It seems to me that you would be stripping the company of a product they basically created, and continue to develop. I do believe that there should be a choice of browsers and programs independent of using Microsoft software. Linux seems to be one and I'm sure there could be others. The problem is that windows is owned and operated by Microsoft and was their invention to start with and to give away secret codes would put not only Microsoft at risk of piracy(sp) but every other company in the world at risk. Why develop a product and share all the workings only to have it stolen by a rival under the guise of unfair business.

Sincerely,

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